

[Reported for the Baltimore Sun.]
MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.

ANNAPOLIS, March 3

HOUSE OF DELEGATES—Evening Session.—The bill to build a bridge over the Patapsco river at Ferry Bar was taken up.

An amendment was adopted rejoining the draw to be made 40 feet wide, and the bill was passed—ayes 51, noes 9.

On motion of Mr. Abbott, the **Annapolis** and Elkridge Railroad Company were ordered to report the amount of their receipts, expenditures, obligations, &c.

"Secret Societies."—Mr. Merrick made a minority report on this subject. On motion, 1,000 copies of the majority and minority reports were ordered to be printed; and made the order of business for Saturday night.

Bill Reported.—By Mr. Clark, to repeal the charter of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Greenborough. Mr. Dail moved the suspension of the rules to give it a second reading. Mr. Wickes remarked that memorials were before the House signed by 800 out of the 1,300 inhabitants of Caroline county against the bill, and that it should be properly considered. Mr. Merrick said it was a grave matter and required due consideration and investigation, and the bill should come up properly for discussion. The motion to suspend the rules was then withdrawn.

The minority report of the committee on the bill to create three senatorial districts, was read, and not adopted. Ayes 20, nays 30.

Mr. Hall, from four of the eight members composing the joint committee to examine into the validity of the lottery contract, made a report sustaining the contract made with R. Fiance by T. R. Stewart, Commissioner of Lotteries, in 1852, which was ordered to be printed.

Bill Passed.—To incorporate the Methodist Protestant Book Concern.

ANNAPOLIS, March 4.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES—Petitions Presented. By Mr. Frazier, of 93 citizens of Dorchester co., for the protection of females in convents and nunneries. By Mr. Dail, allowing tolls to be charged on a bridge in Dorchester county. By Mr. Askew, of citizens of the 18th ward in the city of Baltimore, for a division of said ward. Of sundry citizens, for the incorporation of the Pawnee Tribe of Red Men. Messrs. Partridge, Chilcoat and Carper each presented petitions relating to nunneries. Mr. Harding presented the petition of a number of citizens of Montgomery county, asking that free negroes in the District of Columbia may be allowed to visit their parents and relations residing in Montgomery county, under certain restrictions, and moved its reference to the Montgomery county delegation, which motion was opposed, and the petition was then referred to the committee on the colored population. By Mr. Harris, against any change of the regulations of tobacco inspections. By Mr. Whitby, for the levy of a tax in Caroline county.

Leaves to Report Bills.—To Mr. Davis, a bill for the destruction of foxes in Frederick county. To Mr. Bowie, to repair roads in Prince George's county. To Mr. Plowden, for a new election district in St. Mary's county. To Mr. Askew for licenses to wood hucksters in the city of Baltimore. To Mr. Duvall to relieve the 53d regiment volunteer militia. To Mr. Rankin relative to weighing live stock at the Eastern scale.

The Senate amendment to the bill to prevent gambling was adopted, and the bill is now a law.

Mr. Silver, from the committee on corporations, reported unfavorably upon the bills to incorporate the Concord Lodge I. O. O. F., and the Montgomery College, they being provided for under the general law, which were adopted.

Bill Rejected.—To try cases of suppression of licenses before a jury.

Bills Reported.—By Mr. Wright, to levy a tax in Baltimore county. By Mr. Bowie, to pay Edward W. Belt, of Prince George's county, certain money therein named. By Mr. Stone, to regulate fisheries in the Potomac river. By Mr. Daniel, to refund to Levin Woolford and S. W. Jones taxes erroneously paid. Also, for the relief of Z. Townsend. Also, to establish an election district in Somerset county. By Mr. Kennedy, to promote internal improvements; to aid in the construction of railroads in Queen Anne's and Kent counties; to regulate taxation, to regulate the issuing of licenses to traders and others. Also, appropriating \$5,000 for the procuring of an illustrative painting of **Washington resigning** his commission for the Senate chamber. By Mr. Silver, to incorporate Merchants' Bank; to incorporate the Express-Steam Navigation Company. By Mr. Wickes, to legalize a devise made in Allegany county. By Mr. Stone and Mr. Fiery, refunding moneys erroneously paid. By Mr. Frazier, to pay John T. Wright, assistant doorkeeper of the Senate.

Bills Passed.—To renew the charter of the Western Railroad, which had expired by limitation. To provide for the uniform registration of births, marriages and deaths, throughout the State. To pay Thos. Harbine \$200 for legal services rendered. To incorporate the American Bank in Baltimore. Appropriating for the expenses of the running and marking of the boundary lines between Maryland and Virginia. Simplifying the rules of pleading and practice in the Courts of this State. Relieving the sureties of Thos. H. Osbourn. Paying Wm. Snyder \$150 for services rendered the State. Paying to Harriet Constable the balance of salary due her late husband, Judge Constable. To incorporate the Fremont Savings Institution, extending to it banking privileges.

The bill to repeal the stamp act and reduce the direct tax being the special order, came up to-day.

Mr. Kennedy opposed the amendment offered by Mr. Brooke reducing the direct tax to 10 cents in the hundred dollars.

Mr. Roberts addressed the House in opposition to any reduction of the direct tax until the internal improvement appropriations for the Eastern Shore had been acted upon.

Mr. Merrick supported the amendment, and Mr. Daniel was opposed to all reduction of taxes at present. The amendment was adopted—ayes 51, nays 7.

Mr. Stone moved to strike out the fourth section which repeals the stamp act, and addressed the House in support of his motion.

Messrs. Harris, Merrick, Frazier and Hall were opposed to the striking out. The motion to strike out was lost—ayes 22, noes 39.

Mr. Fiery, from the committee on the petitions asking for protection to young women in convents, made a report to the effect that the existing law of habeas corpus was sufficient, for the protection of all persons unjustly confined, and that no further legislation was necessary upon the subject.

On motion of Mr. Silver, 1,000 copies were ordered to be printed, and the report was made the order of business for Friday evening.

SENATE—Bills Passed.—To incorporate the Hydrant Company in Port Tobacco. To pay the balance of salary due the late Judge Frick to his heirs. To sell the land of the Choptank Indians.

The Senate were engaged in the second reading of bills.

The subject of the sale of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal was under discussion.